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SUBJECT: FIREARMS - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

1. ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20, A U.S. PRIVATE AIRCRAFT DROPPED A PARCEL AT BRACO AIRSTRIP ON THE NORTH COAST. POLICE DID NOT CATCH THE AIRCRAFT, BUT FOUND SIX WEAPONS INSIDE OF PARCEL, ALL WITH NUMBERS FILED OFF
2. ON SAME DAY, MINISTER MATALON ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR ATF TO DISPATCH A LABORATORY EXPERT TO ASSIST JAMAICAN OFFICIALS IN CALSSIFYING AND IDENTIFYING THESE AND BACKLOG OF MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED WEAPONS NOW IN THE HANDS OF POLICE
3. MATALON HAS TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT HE CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT GANJA TRAFFIC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A LARGER PROPORTION OF ILLEGAL FIREARMS COMING TO JAMAICA THAN HIS SUBORDINATES HAVE THUS FAR ADMITTED. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT COOPERATION IN SUPPRESSION OF ILLEGAL ARMS TRAFFIC WILL SUBSTANTIALY ASSIST MATALON IN HIS
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WAR AGAINST ILLEGAL NARCOTICS AND RECOMMENDS THAT

ATF COMPLY WITH HIS REQUEST

4. TWO ARRESTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE AS A RESULT OF INVESTIGATION RESULTING FROM THE AIR DROP AT BRACO AIRFIELD ON SEIZURE OF THE SIX WEAPONS. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES, THEREFORE, JAMAICAN AUTHORITIES WOULD LIKE IMMEDIATE ACTION ON CLASSIFICATION OF THE SIX SEIZED WEAPONS. WITH THIS IN MIND, WE REPEAT THE REQUEST FOR A LABORATORY TECHNICIAN TO BE DISPATCHED TO JAMAICA TO ASSIST IN THE INVESTIGATION. HEWITT

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